

## INSPECTOR GENERAL

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE** 4800 MARK CENTER DRIVE ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22350-1500

> September 3, 2019 Ref: DODOIG-2019-000964

SENT VIA EMAIL TO: 78702-94757393@requests.muckrock.com

Mr. Sam Biddle MuckRock News DEPT MR 78702 411A Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Mr. Biddle:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, as attached. We received your request on August 8, 2019, and assigned it case number DODOIG-2019-000964.

Please be advised any documents that may be responsive to your request are compiled for law enforcement purposes and release, at this time, could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. As such, 5 U.S.C. § 552 exemption (b)(7)(A) of the FOIA provides for withholding records or information compiled under these circumstances. For this reason, we cannot release any responsive documents at this time. Once the investigation is complete, however, exemption (b)(7)(A) may no longer apply, and you may re-submit your request. Please note that, even after the investigation is completed, responsive records may still be exempt from disclosure based on one or more FOIA exemptions.

If you consider this an adverse determination, you may submit an appeal. Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 days of the date of this letter. Since you have created an account in FOIAonline, please log in to your account, retrieve your original request, and then click on the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. FOIAonline will populate your request and contact information automatically. In the "Basis for Appeal" box, provide your explanation, attach supporting document (if necessary), click on preview, and then click on submit. Your appeal will automatically be sent to our office via FOIAonline. For more information on appellate matters and administrative appeal procedures, please refer to 32 C.F.R. Sec. 286.9(e) and 286.11(a).

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at FOIAPublicLiaison@dodig.mil, or by calling 703-604-9785, for any further assistance with your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. However, OGIS does not have the authority to mediate requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974 (request to access one's own records).

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at 703-604-9775 or via email at foiarequests@dodig.mil.

Sincerely,

Searle Slutzkin Division Chief

FOIA, Privacy and Civil Liberties Office

Enclosure(s): As stated

# DODOIG-2019-000964 Request Details

Case Status: Initial Evaluation Due Date: 09/06/2019 Clock Days: 0

Case Phase: Evaluation

### **Requester Information**

**Requester** Sam Biddle

Organization

Requester Has Account Yes

Email Address 78702-94757393@requests.muckrock.com

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Tracking Number DODOIG-2019-000964

 Submitted Date
 08/08/2019

 Received Date
 08/08/2019

 Perfected Date
 08/08/2019

 Last Assigned Date
 08/07/2019

Assigned To Eric Powers (Department of Defense Office of Inspector General)

Last Assigned By Eric Powers (Department of Defense Office of Inspector General)

Request Track Complex
Fee Limit \$0.00

### **Request Handling**

Requester Info Available to the Public	No	▼
Request Track	Complex	▼
Fee Category	Media	▼
Fee Waiver Requested	No	
Fee Waiver Status		
Expedited Processing Requested	No	
Expedited Processing Status		
Request Type	FOIA	•
Request Perfected	Yes	▼
♦ Perfected Date	08/08/2019	
Acknowledgement Sent Date	08/08/2019	
Unusual Circumstances	No	
Litigation	No	▼
5 Day Notifications		

### **Description**

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Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I I	nereby request the following records:		
To Whom It May Concern:			